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Rulemaking Update: Proposed Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel Rule Withdrawn

The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) has withdrawn its rule proposed to outline procedures for Maine's Aging and Disability Mortality Review Panel and Panel Coordinator reviews of deaths of and serious injuries to adults receiving home-based and community-based services under 42 CFR Part 441 and adults subject to public guardianship under Title 18-C M.R.S. Article 5, pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 264. Following the public comment period for the proposed rule published on February 25, 2026, the Department determined that, upon further review, it was necessary to solicit additional input from interested parties to produce an improved rule for a consistent, transparent Panel review process. The Department will propose a subsequent rule to present Panel administration and operations in a revised framework and clarify selection criteria used by the Panel Coordinator for determining which cases to refer for Panel reviews, provisions related to access to and disclosure of case information, and Panel-member-term limits and conduct, including managing conflict of interest and recommending system improvements for protecting adults receiving services.

In accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, the Department will issue public notice when proposing the new rule and include within this notice details for providing public comment.

You may find information on proposed and recently adopted rules at the Department's Rulemaking Page at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/rulemaking>. Additionally, the [Secretary of State website](#) offers information regarding the rulemaking process and weekly rulemaking updates. You may opt to receive electronic notification from Maine CDC by subscribing to receive electronic rulemaking updates – just complete your preferences at the [Subscribers Preference Page](#). For general rulemaking information and updates from Maine CDC, click: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/about-us/rules>.